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## LITTLE BUSINESS DONE

### COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY SESSION.

Election of City Attorney and Other Officers Deferred Until Next Meeting—Proceedings.

Notwithstanding the date of the special election called for the purpose of approving or rejecting a bond issue in the sum of \$7500 for the construction of a septic tank, is but eight days distant the council at its regular session last night took no further steps to provide a location for the disposal tank, and consequently the aldermanic body presents the proposition to the electorate gauzily garbed in doubt as to this particular phase of the situation.

Comparatively little business of importance was transacted during the two hours of session, the time being devoted principally to a discussion of things contemplated for the future, among which was Alderman Hayter's announcement that he would introduce a resolution to amend the charter relative to street improvements so that the cost of intersections would fall to abutting property instead of the general fund, as under the present method. This statement following the reading of a remonstrance that put a quietus on all street improvements for the present session.

Alderman Gohrke recommended that the city employ a man to clean up the tract of land north of the reservoir, and it was so ordered. This ground may hereafter be used for pie-making purposes. Mr. Fisher was given a lease of the land east and south of the reservoir, he to relinquish it to the city upon demand. It is Mr. Fisher's intention to cultivate the tract.

With reference to the curbing on Robb street Alderman Barber recommended that the park strip be made five feet in width, leaving a forty-foot street, and while no definite action was taken on this matter it was understood that when the time for improvements should arrive this condition should obtain.

The bill of Mr. Vaughn for the construction of a sewer at the time the downtown streets were hard surfaced was resurrected and discussed. The bill had heretofore been repudiated by the council, there being no warrant for its allowance other than that two members of the council had authorized its building. Alderman Westover championed the bill and thought it should receive consideration by the council rescinding its previous action, and to that end he made a motion, but it lost by a vote of four to two.

Bills amounting to something like \$380 for work on county roads within the city limits were presented and referred to the street committee.

J. D. Bevens made application for appointment as street commissioner, but inasmuch as a new ordinance, which provides for an increase of salary, is awaiting a second reading, the matter was deferred. The present remuneration is twenty cents per hour for actual service.

Glen O. Holman applied for the city attorneyship, but this appointment was also deferred until a future meeting.

**Fire Risk Heavy.**  
The Equitable Rating association, in a communication, called the council's attention to the deplorable condition of Dallas' streets and alleys, and presented an ordinance intended to reduce the hazards of insurance risks. The ordinance was referred to City Attorney Coad and the ordinance committee.

Attorney Walter L. Tooez, Jr., addressed the council with reference to the instructions given the recorder at a May meeting to cause the arrest of Dr. Toel and Dr. Turner in order to test the ordinance pertaining to licenses for itinerants. He explained wherein the ordinance was invalid, stating that \$3.50 per day was prohibitive and had been so held by the courts, with which statement the city attorney agreed. Mr. Tooez told the aldermen that Dr. Toel held a state license, issued in 1889. City Attorney Coad expressed the opinion that no court would sustain such an exorbitant license fee.

An ordinance for the appointment of special policemen and providing that fees should come from fines, was read for the first time.

At the request of Alderman Hayter, a warrant for \$253 for interest on hard-surfacing bonds, and another for \$1000 to pay off a bond, were ordered drawn in favor of the city treasurer.

C. C. Hartley was given permission to dig a ditch across Fairview avenue for the construction of a sewer.

Mayor Van Orsdel called attention to the unsafe condition of the bridge near the mill, and also to the condition of sidewalks in various parts of town. A gap in the walk to the cemetery, and a sixty-foot opening on Brown street were mentioned. The recorder suggested that the council round up all defective walks and give notice to property owners at one time, thus reducing the cost of publishing.

City Engineer Himes informed the aldermanic body that the school board had not constructed a sidewalk because it did not desire to dig a canal that people would fall into from the street. He suggested that the street be graded.

Alderman Young made a plea for the improvement of Hayter street, but no one shed a tear after having heard the remonstrance read earlier in the session.

## WATER RATES HEARING.

Railroad Commission Will Take Testimony Here on Friday.

Next Friday has been designated by the State Railroad Commission as the time for holding a hearing on a complaint filed against H. V. Gates, whose water company provides the municipal water supply for Dallas. The complaint was filed by the city officials of Dallas, and it is alleged that the rates of the company are unreasonable.

## GLADSTONE GETS MEET

### CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TO CON-VENE THERE NEXT.

More Than One Hundred Delegates Attend Session Which Closed Here Friday.

The annual convention of the Christian churches of this district, which comprises eleven counties, closed on Friday evening last with an evangelistic service conducted by Jesse K. Kellens, who is known as the boy preacher, and through whose instrumentality much good has been accomplished throughout the valley during the past few years of his work. Clarence Reynolds directed the musical program, which was a feature of the service.

More than one hundred delegates registered from outside towns during the convention, the largest number being from Independence, while Mouth had the second largest representation. Out side of the program proper one of the pleasing features of the week was the visit on Thursday to the strawberry ranch of Frank Harris, where several rows of luscious berries had been reserved for the party, and which were partaken of with great relish. This outing was followed by an automobile ride about the city.

The next convention will be held at Gladstone. C. F. Swander, state secretary, remained and filled the pulpit Sunday morning, presenting the work and needs of the state. Pulpit was filled in the evening by the pastor.

## RACES OPEN ON THURSDAY.

All Classes Not Filled but Advertised Events Will Be Run.

The board of managers of the Independence races has announced the entries in the harness events for the race meet there June 4, 5 and 6 and decided that, although all of the races had not filled, they would start the races as advertised. The following horses are entered in the classes named:

2:25 pace, purse \$150—Mysterious Jim, Tillamook Maid, Miss Stockings, Budweiser.  
2:24 trot, purse \$150—Sweet Genevieve, Velma Z, Doc Mundy.  
2:18 pace, purse \$150—Mysterious Jim, Hal Edo, Mack N., Miss Stockings, Bell Smith, Chiquito.  
2:20 trot, purse \$150—Sweet Genevieve, Wild Girl, Zombell, Velma Z, La Siesta, Doc Mundy.  
Free-for-all pace, purse \$200—Hal Edo, Mack N., Lolo, Chiquito.  
Free-for-all trot, purse \$200—Sweet Genevieve, Wild Girl, Zombell, Nogi, Doc Mundy.

## Knights Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of Marmion lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias, last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, Walter L. Tooez, Jr.; Vice-Commander, John R. Sibley; Prelate, W. A. Himes; Master of Finance, J. T. Ford; Keeper of Records and Seal, J. T. Ford; Master of Work, Leif S. Finseth; Master of Exchequer, Doc. P. Paterson; Master-at-Arms, T. E. Campbell; Inner Guard, J. R. Allgood; Outer Guard, S. B. Taylor.

## Make a Note of This.

That The Observer is appreciated by the reading public is evidenced from the fact that fourteen new subscribers were added to its list last week without solicitation, making a total of thirty-eight for May. Advertisers should make a note of this. It is significant.

## May Celebrate Fourth.

A mass meeting of citizens will be held at Falls City tomorrow night to consider the advisability of celebrating the glorious Fourth with a grand blow off.

## Luncheon Served.

The domestic science class of the Dallas high school gave the school board a luncheon Friday evening at the high school building.

## CARNIVAL COMING SOON

### SOME ATTRACTIONS WITH POL-LAW & McCLALLAND.

Five-Day Street Fair Will Show Animals and Snakes As Its Chief Attraction to Visitors.

The Pollock & McClalland carnival attractions will open in Dallas on June 16 for a week, and if press notices from various localities throughout the coast country are any criterion by which to judge their merits the shows are above the average. The leading attraction is an animal show, wherein are several varieties of monkeys, a young baboon of large size, a raccoon, a badger, an ant bear, several guinea pigs and rabbits, and an odd appearing member of the cat family. One cage has a monkey, a common cat, a rabbit, two guinea pigs and a puppy dwelling happily together. A pen of odd turtles, terrapins, water-dogs and gila monsters is an additional feature.

The snake show always attracts attention. In this are a number of twisting, crawling reptiles, including big diamond-back rattlesnakes, four or five water moccasins, four or five sacred black snakes, a small gopher snake and a gila monster. The fangs have been extracted from the rattlesnakes' mouths, rendering them harmless. A woman handle both the snakes and the gila monster fearlessly.

Every carnival has the glassblowers, and the Pollock & McClalland shows are no exception. Two expert workmen make tiny glass ships, vases, pipes, whistles, and other delicate trinkets, and each visitor is given a souvenir.

The transformation of a stone statue into a living woman, turning the woman into stone, then turning the statue into a trolis of roses, is said to be very interesting, even if the illusion has been witnessed many times before. The living statue posing and the fire dance is also with this show.

With the carnival will come the usual number of concessions, one being trick stairs. This concession is presided over by two girls, one selling balls to be thrown at a small target, and the other sitting at the top of the flight of trick stairs. When a ball strikes the target, the girl at the top of the stairway is catapulted to the bottom. There will be barker for the various attractions, balloon men, free-act men, and a bunch of others. The company travels with its own train, and will arrive in Dallas on Monday, June 15.

## Road Oiling is Progressing.

The Dallas-Salem road has been oiled to a point beyond Derry Station, and Independence and Mouth are raising funds to continue the work of road oiling in their respective sections. Salt Creek also has a subscription list in circulation. There are some twenty miles provided for by the county court yet to oil.

Attorney Sibley is in Salem today.

## DEATH COMES QUICKLY

### FRANK STILES PASSES AWAY AT COUNTRY HOME.

Grim Messenger Stalks While Victim of Heart Failure Strolls Upon Lawn.

Mr. Frank Stiles, residing in the country a short distance from Dallas, expired suddenly and unexpectedly late yesterday afternoon, heart failure being assigned as the cause of death. Mr. Stiles had spent a portion of the day in town, and while here complained of suffering ill-health, but his condition was not considered serious by the physician whom he visited.

Returned home he seated himself on the veranda of his residence, and from all appearances had found relief when he stepped into the yard. When only a short distance he called to Mrs. Stiles that he was fainting, at the same time falling backward and expiring. In the fall the neck was dislocated, but it is believed that death had come previously. Arrangements for the funeral are not completed, but the last sad rites will probably be performed tomorrow afternoon.

Deceased was well and favorably known throughout Polk county, and information of his sudden taking away will be received with profound regret by a large number of friends and acquaintances. At one time Mr. Stiles conducted a harness shop in Dallas. Besides a widow he leaves several offerings to mourn the departure of a devoted husband and loving father.

On Saturday last Mr. Stiles accompanied a party of Odd Fellows to Sheridan, and appeared to be enjoying good health.

## TAXES WELL PAID UP.

Comparatively Few Take Advantage of Second Period.

County Treasurer Tracy Staats informs The Observer that in round numbers, of the \$325,000 tax levy for 1913, over \$280,000 has already been paid, leaving only about \$45,000 to collect in the second half of the tax-paying period. Of this latter amount \$14,000 is charged against the Southern Pacific company for taxes on the land grant tracts now in litigation, which the company has refused to liquidate until a decision is rendered by the United States supreme court. "We are not bothered much in Polk county with half payments," said Mr. Staats, "the large majority preferring to liquidate their taxes at once and have through with it." And this is only another indication of the general prosperity that Polk county is enjoying, even though times may be considered quiet.

## POLK MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

On March 31 Surplus in Treasury Amounted to \$82,944.

The first quarterly report of the state insurance commissioner under the new uniform accountancy law,

## Their Memory Lives

"Here in this lowly bed, under the earth's green mantle, sleep the men who wore the blue; there under the same earth's covering the men who wore the gray and the one flag, the old flag, droops in loving folds above them both."

In commemoration of the valiant dead, and in remembrance of the part played by the living in that terrible conflict of half a century ago, Dallas, in common with a grateful people throughout this united nation, appropriately observed Memorial day on Saturday last. The choicest of spring bloom was strewn upon the simple graves of departed veterans in the early morning, and later sturdy present day nation defenders formed an escort of honor for the men they might hope to emulate, but can never hope to surpass in fortitude and self-abnegation, as they lead a procession through the principal streets to the music of the band.

The parade left the armory at the designated hour in the following order: Marshal of the Day, Fenton, Dallas band; O. N. G. in blue uniforms; Grand Army of the Republic; families of veterans in automobiles; school children in eleven divisions, accompanied by teachers, each division having a flag bearer; citizens on foot and in automobiles.

Arrived at the Armory after having proceeded from the High school to Court street, west on Court to Church, south on Church to Washington, east on Washington to Main, north on Main to Court, east on Court to Jefferson, north on Jefferson to Mill and west on Mill, the regular program of the day was most successfully and entertainingly carried out, Mayor Van Orsdel presiding. "The Red, White

and Blue" was rendered by the band, which was followed by invocation by Rev. Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A medley of national airs by the band preceded the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Rev. Bennett of the Methodist church. Mr. Walter L. Tooez, Jr., made the address of the day, which is printed in full elsewhere in The Observer today. Mrs. Georgia Jennings sang "The Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by the band, after which Mrs. Ola Lane strew flowers in honor of the dead soldiers. The audience joined in singing "America," and was dismissed after taps by Mr. Downey.

Many of the business houses of the downtown district were decorated, while flags were at half-mast in different parts of the city. Business was suspended throughout the morning. The weather was ideal, and there were many visitors from the surrounding country, and a few came from abroad. Withal it was a most creditable display of genuine patriotism.

## At the High School.

Mr. Glen Holman spoke before the High school last Friday afternoon in behalf of the G. A. R., reviewing conditions in 1861 and eulogizing the devotion and loyalty of the boys in blue. He praised the bravery of the Southern soldiers and said that today these men of the South were as loyal to the old flag as the people of the north.

Mr. Holman averred that the war of 1861 began in 1819, when twenty negroes were sold as slaves by a merchant of New York to some settlers in Virginia. Those who listened to this address were pleased, and especially pleasing was the eulogy of Abraham Lincoln.

just issued, shows that on March 31 last Polk county had on hand \$133,020.60, with an indebtedness of \$50,076.01; leaving a surplus of \$82,944.65.

In all the counties of the state the total amount of funds on hand March 31 was \$6,691,861.74, while the total outstanding indebtedness was \$5,214,762.82. Twenty-one counties show a total surplus of \$2,973,529.94, while the other thirteen counties show an aggregate deficit of \$1,486,431.64. The assessed value of all taxable property in all the counties for 1913 was over \$954,000,000.

Thirteen of the thirty-four counties had outstanding indebtedness greater than the sum total of all funds on hand. These deficits ranged from \$1,416.67 in Coos county to \$479,725.67 in Klamath. On the other hand, the surplus balances of the other twenty-one counties ranged from \$19,955.15 in Benton to \$921,790.17 in Multnomah. Outside of Multnomah the highest surplus is shown in Marion, which had in its various funds at that time \$248,301.82.

## HOP PRICES SOARING

### SIXTEEN CENTS OFFERED FOR POLK PRODUCT SATURDAY.

Market is Firm With An Increasing Demand for New Crop Contracts in Oregon.

The hop crop of the world is now entering on the critical stage and the market is becoming more sensitive to unfavorable developments. News of this character is not plentiful yet, but there is enough of it to keep the market in a more than steady position. A number of orders are on hand for last year's growth, and it is reported by The Oregonian that 16 cents was offered in the Independence section Saturday, but no actual transfers have been made for several days. The few growers who are still holding hops are firmer in their views than they have been for some time.

There is more interest in futures than in the spot market. There are orders for 1914 Oregon hops at 15 cents on contract, though an occasional small deal is put through at 14½ cents. Washington dealers also have 15-cent orders for new-crop Washington hops. Crop conditions in the Northwest have undergone no change in the past week. Prospects are uneven in this state and it is generally believed the yield will be less than last year's. In Western Washington, the prospects are for a larger crop than that of 1913.

Hops are doing poorly in California, particularly in the Sonoma section, whose product comes in closest competition with Oregon's. Wires were received from Santa Rosa yesterday, saying the California crop is now estimated at 80,000 to 95,000 bales against 110,000 bales last season. The early heat in February, followed by cooler weather, is said to have caused the sap to sour. Whatever may be the reason, a great number of the vines in the Sonoma yards have died.

In New York state, conditions are pronounced good. Growers have seldom had a Spring so favorable for their crop. The following cable was received from Belgium: "Belgian crop is being slightly damaged. Weather is unfavorable. Market is firmer and 'higher.'"

## Monmouth Honors Veterans.

Memorial exercises were held at Monmouth Friday in the Oregon Normal school auditorium. The Grand Army of the Republic veterans of Monmouth and Independence were present and were honored by a program given by the school children of Monmouth. The schools were dismissed for the afternoon. The graves of the dead were decorated with flowers and shrubs. Carriages and automobiles lined the road to the cemetery throughout the day.

## Odd Fellows Visit Neighbors.

Last Saturday evening members of Friendship Lodge of Odd Fellows went over and paid Sheridan lodge a visit. They assisted in conferring the second and third degrees, had a genuine exchange of ideas in fraternal topics, were treated to a fine luncheon and reached home about two o'clock Sunday morning, reporting a jolly time at the Yamhill town. The three-link gentry say this is the first of a number of fraternal visits they intend making.

## Onto Foot Severely.

While wading the Rickreall river near the Hallack hopyard, in the Oakdale district, late yesterday afternoon, Oscar Tillitson, aged ten years, stepped on a piece of glass, cutting his foot so severely that it was necessary to call a physician to stop the flow of blood. Oscar is a son of William Tillitson.

## Who Has Rooms to Rent?

Inquiries for rooms for Chautauquus week are being made and Secretary Miles requests that those persons having accommodations for guests notify him without delay.

## DALLAS WINS AGAIN

### HOPEWELL GIANTS TAKEN IN-TO CAMP BY DALLAS.

Score of Six to One Should Have Been Six to Three, Says Rule Book.

In a game replete with brilliant plays by both teams Dallas Sunday took another scalp when it defeated Hopewell by the score of 6 to 1. The game was clean throughout, and the proverbial "rag chewing" was not in evidence at all. A fair sized crowd witnessed the exhibition, and the day was ideal, though a trifle warm. The score, however, should have been 6 to 3. In the sixth inning, C. Larkins for the visitors hit a long fly to deep right. Hayes missed the catch, though touching the ball. The ball bounded over the fence. Hayes went after it. He got it back into the diamond in time to catch Campbell at the home plate. Campbell was declared out, and C. Larkins, who had gone to second, died on that base. As Hayes had touched the ball, it was deemed that the ball going over the fence did not count as a home run, but the rule book will not bear out this construction. Had this counted for a home run, Hopewell would have scored two more runs. The visitors were as good sportsmen as have ever played on the home field, and their willingness to abide by all decisions of the umpire whether for or against them, put them in right with the Dallas fans.

The regular Dallas line-up did not play yesterday. Neither Fred Cooper, Ned Shaw, or Glen Baker were present. Fred Boydston played his first game of the season as second, and made a record for himself at bat, getting three hits, one a two-bagger, out of four times up. Rice was brought in from right field, and acquitted himself nobly on third base. Jack Hayes held down right field, and Preston, the High school star, played in the left garden. The game by innings follows:

## How the Play Went.

1. Wood gets first on Boydston's error; Boydston over-threw first, and Wood went to second. Campbell goes out, Rice to Boydston. Cooper strikes out. C. Larkins hits to center field. Tooez returns ball to Rice. Rice to Starr, and Wood is tagged out at the home plate. 1 hit; no runs.  
F. Boydston hits safe for one base. Myers hits to short, and Boydston is caught at second, Myers getting first on fielder's choice. Tooez flied out to L. Larkins. Serr hit to deep center, Myers scoring Honek returned the ball to C. Wood, catcher; Wood threw to C. Larkins on first, and Serr was caught between first and second. Two hits.

2. Cleve Wood is presented with a walk to first base, Tucker sacrifices, sending Wood to second, Tucker going out Woods to Boydston. Ditmar hit to Myers and goes out, Myers to Boydston. Honek strikes out. No hits. No runs.

R. Boydston goes out, hitting a long fly to center. Rice goes out, L. Larkins to C. Larkins. Woods walks, and steals second. Hayes strikes out. No hits. No runs.

3. L. Larkins hits safe for one base, but is caught stealing second, Serr to Woods. C. Woods hits safely for one base. Campbell hits to Rice; Woods is caught at second, Rice to Boydston. Cooper hits safely. The ball is returned to the diamond, and thrown over first base. Serr recovers the ball, and caught Cooper at second, Serr to Boydston. Three hits; no runs.

Preston walks. Boydston hits safe, sending Preston to second. Myers fies out to Cooper in left. Tooez hits for two bases, scoring Preston and Boydston. Tooez gets caught stealing third. Serr strikes out. Two hits; two runs.

4. C. Larkins fouls out to Serr. Cleve Wood gets first on Rice's error. Tucker goes out, Rice to Boydston. Ditmar strikes out. No hits. No runs.

R. Boydston strikes out. Rice flies out to Cooper. Woods flies out to Honek. No hits. No runs.

5. Honek strikes out. L. Larkins goes out, Rice to Boydston. C. Woods goes out, Myers to Boydston. No hits. No runs.

Hayes strikes out. Preston strikes out. Boydston flies out to Campbell. No hits. No runs.

6. Campbell hits safe for one base. Cooper strikes out. C. Larkins hits a long one to right field, which is muffed by Hayes, and the ball bounces over the fence. Hayes hurries after the ball, and returned it to Myers. Myers threw to Serr, catching Campbell at the home plate. Cleve Wood strikes out. One hit. No runs.

Myers flies out to right field, and gets first on error. Gets second on error on part of Campbell. Serr flies out to Cooper. Boydston hits safely, Tooez going to third. Boydston steals second. Rices hits safely, scoring Tooez and Boydston. Woods flies out. (Continued on Page Four.)